

Application. No. 10/604,323

Amendment dated December 14, 2005

Amendment made in response to Notice of Allowance dated September 14, 2005

**REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS**

**Amendment to the Claims**

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-9, 18-21 and 23-37 of the present application in the Notice of Allowance mailed September 14, 2005. In response, Applicants have amended claims 18, 23, 25-26 and 30 from single dependent claims to multiple dependent claims. Applicants have also amended claims 21 and 35 to be dependent from claims 18 and 31, respectively. Applicants submit that the amendments do not affect the claims status of being allowable. Applicants further submit that the amendments do not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the amendment.

**Payment of Issue and Publication Fees**

Applicants, in response to the Notice of Allowance, authorize payment of the issue and publication fees. A completed "Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal" and an extra copy are attached herewith.

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**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at his number set out below.

Date: December 14, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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